

### 2008 CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence Scholarship Guidelines

The CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence scholarship was established in 2006 with a generous gift from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to expand CBCF scholarship and internship programs. Wal-Mart believes in a philosophy of operating globally and giving back locally. Accordingly, scholarship recipients have demonstrated the potential to make the greatest impact on the local community. The CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence scholarship requires that the CBC Member elect to participate in the program.

2008 Award Amount: \$6,000 per CBC Member district; each award must be a minimum of \$1,000

2008 Deadline: Completed applications must be *received* by April 1, 2008

To be eligible for the CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence scholarship, applicants must:

- be preparing to pursue an undergraduate degree full-time or be a current full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited college or university.
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA, demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, and participate in community service activities.
- reside or attend school in a congressional district represented by a CBC Member.

Complete applications must arrive to the CBC member office as one packet to the district office by **April 1, 2008**. Application packets should include:

1. A completed CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence application
2. Personal statement
3. Official transcript(s) from all institutions attended
4. Letter of acceptance from intended institution
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from community involvement experience)
6. One (1) page resume listing extracurricular activities, honors, employment, community service, and special skills
7. Recent photograph – cap & gown or professional dress (no group or social photos)

### Rating Applicants

Reviewers are asked to rate each applicant using the student rating form. This is a rating form, not a ranking form, of the criteria presented. After each applicant has been rated, the scores should be averaged. The averaged scores along with any comments about any application should then be used to select recipients, as well as determine award amounts. CBCF has allocated \$6,000 per district, but each district establishes the number of recipients from that district. The district also determines the award amounts for each recipient.

### Submission Deadlines

All deadlines are receipt, **not postmark**

April 1, 2008

All CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence scholarship applications must be received at the district office

April 15, 2008

All selected applications, Student Rating Forms, and Scholarship Certification Forms for the Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence scholarship must arrive at CBCF